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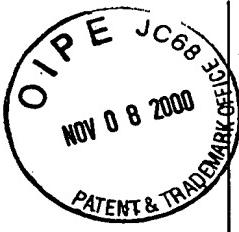
In re application of:

SIMMS, Domenica A.

Appl. No. 09/058,350

Filed: April 10, 1998

For: **RNA Isolation Reagent and
Methods**



Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Owens, H.

Atty. Docket: 0942.3840001/RWE/KKV

Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated May 9, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 11) Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the claims. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for 3-Months Extension of Time, an Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 with 1 cited document, a Fee Transmittal Form and SKGF Check No. 29389 for \$1,130 to cover appropriate fees.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 6, line 15, please delete "Triton X-100™" and insert therefor --TRITON X-100--.

On page 6, line 15, please delete "Tween-20™" and insert therefor -- TWEEN-20--.

On page 6, line 17, please delete "Triton X-100™" and insert therefor --TRITON